

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-52 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 11-14, 16-21, 23-28, 30-41, 43, 44 and 49-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Sekiyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,427,115). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Sekiyama in view of Fastenrath (U.S. Patent No. 5,889, 477). Claims 10, 15, 22, 29, 42 and 45-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sekiyama in view of Sulich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,875,412).

Please cancel Claims 4-7, 23 and 30 without prejudice. Claims 46 and 47 have been amended to now depend on Claim 2.

Please enter new Claims 53-76. No new matter has been added. Claims 53-76 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

After the cancellation of the claims and the entry of the new claims, Claims 1, 2, 8-10, 12-15, 17-22, 24-29 and 31-76 are pending in the application.

Regarding independent Claims 1, 12, 18, 25, Claim 1 has been amended to recite “determining a notification message regarding the at least one node point from the present position and guidance codes in the route guidance data, and generating the notification message about the at least one node point referring to a database contained in the navigation terminal”. It is respectfully submitted that according to the present invention, if an information center receives a small amount of route guidance data, route guidance information to be displayed to a user or vocally output is generated and output as voice data or image data. The route guidance data contains information that takes the form of code type, having a size of approximately 272k bytes. According to the present invention, if a navigation terminal receives the route guidance data, the present position of a vehicle is compared with a guidance code and the route guidance information is generated. On the contrary, according to Sekiyama, if route guidance data is received, the received route guidance data is displayed to a user without any modification. That is, as shown in column 6, lines 56 to 60 of Sekiyama, the route data comprises various information such as an entire route data, a map data adjacent to a current position, a guidance intersection point data, a guidance voice data, a facilities information data, an event information data, and so on, thus creating vast amounts of data. According to the present invention, map data or guidance data is not downloaded via a wireless network and thus, the amount of data

downloaded via the wireless network is remarkably reduced as compared with Sekiyama. None of the remaining references, alone or in combination, cures the deficiencies of Sekiyama. Based on at least the foregoing amendments and arguments, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1, 12, 18 and 25 is respectfully requested.

Claim 32 has been amended to recite that a predetermined condition is selected by a user and the route guidance data regarding a vehicle is downloaded. Claim 41 has been amended to recite that the navigation mode is selected by the user, and route guidance data about a vehicle received from the ITS terminal is displayed. These claims now recite a construction for entering a navigation mode based on a request by the user. On the contrary, according to the cited reference, if a mobile terminal is mounted to an on-vehicle information-processing device, a navigation mode is automatically entered, without user intervention, and possibly in contradiction to the desires of the user. User intervention is valued and recited in Claims 32 and 41. Based on at least the foregoing amendments and arguments, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 32 and 41 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 12, 18, 25, 32 and 41 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 8-10, 13-15, 17, 19-22, 24, 26-29, 31, 33-40 and 42-76, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 8-10, 13-15, 17, 19-22, 24, 26-29, 31, 33-40 and 42-76 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 2 and 8-10, 12-15, 17-22, 24-29 and 31-76, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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